

Winneconne Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 12, 2011

Meeting called to order by Library Board President, Jody Running at 9:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jody Running, Jeff Jensen, Harvey Rengstorf, Mary Brefeld, Kathy Sasse, Sue Davies, Andy Beiser, Andy Boehnlein

Absent:

Also Present: Holly Selwitschka, Kelly Nelson

MINUTES

Motion made by Brefeld to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 12, 2011.

Second: Rengstorf

Vote: Unanimous

MARCH 2011 VOUCHERS PAYABLE/FINANCIAL REPORT

No questions. Holly reminded the board that the carryovers, as approved by the library board at the February meeting, would be taken up by the Village board during their meeting on Tuesday. She provided the board with an updated sheet that listed the carryovers approved, the accounts to be taken from and moved to and also a notation of having the funds restricted for library use only. She mentioned that she had attended a workshop at UW-Oshkosh Friday on raising sustaining and operating funds and would like to have the finance committee meet to investigate financial options for the library.

Motion made by Jensen to approve payment of all bills and financial reports.

Second: Sasse

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Holly introduced the new seasonal part-time library clerk, Kelly Nelson. The library board members introduced themselves to her.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Holly reiterated that Kelly will be working Marge's hours, approximately 30 hours per week, until Marge is able to return to her regular schedule. Currently, Marge is working approximately 10 hours per week. Kelly started working limited hours at the library two weeks ago and will begin a more regular schedule the week of March 21, after she finishes up with her other job at Glow Bugs preschool.
- Regular programs continue throughout March, and we will be participating with Kindergarten screening at the end of March.
- Statistics – Holly reported that the wireless has been used heavily since Christmas and she expects to see high usage of the wireless network as more and more people acquire gadgets that use wireless networks. She reminded the board that WI-DPI turned down a federal grant to increase bandwidth in Wisconsin Public Libraries and schools due to a technicality in the contract that they weren't happy with. However, because of efforts of Winnefox staff and our heavy Internet usage, Winneconne will still be getting increased bandwidth in the near future through a different grant.
- Holly presented the board with a Social Networking Policy. We decided to table it until April to have the police department read and offer suggestions.

- Holly informed the board that a lot of the discussion at department head meetings had to do with Governor Walker's budget repair bill. She also told the board that Police Chief Running had returned from his tour of duty in Iraq and had started work on Monday. There will be a staff luncheon for him on Tuesday.
- Holly shared with the board a number of correspondence items which included the final review of the LSTA grant they received last year, the final draft of the 2010 annual report, and a report of services provided by Winnefox to Winneconne Library in 2010.

REVIEW LIBRARY OPEN HOURS SURVEY

Leave on agenda for a later date. Holly said that she intended to use some of the comments and results gathered by the survey to guide the formulation of the strategic plan.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Holly shared the minutes from the strategic planning meeting and briefly reviewed what was discussed. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21 from 6:30-7:30. Holly will use that meeting to disseminate information about the library, library trends, Village plans, etc.

BUDGET REPAIR BILL

Holly shared what she knew about the Budget Repair Bill and how it may affect the library. Part of the bill was separated, passed and signed. As of March 15, all state employees will be required to contribute 5.8% of their income toward their state retirement benefits. This will affect all library staff, except Kelly, who does not yet receive retirement benefits. Holly shared a table that Steve had produced showing how the deduction will effect employee wages. She also shared an official statement from the Wisconsin Library Association that spelled out their position on the bill. Finally, she shared an interoffice memo that Steve drafted to summarize how the proposed bill will affect the Village of Winneconne. The bad news for the library includes a 10% cut to library systems and the elimination of MOE for libraries. Holly recommended that the library finance committee meet to explore options for future library funding. Jody asked to be invited to that meeting. Holly said she would inform the entire board of the date and time of the meeting and post a notice in case there was a quorum of library board members present.

Closed Session - postponed until next month.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Hours Survey

Social Networking Policy

Closed Session for any discussion about personnel matters

Strategic Planning Update

Expiring Board Members Terms of Office

Next Meeting date is set for April 9th, 2011 at 9am.

Motion made by Jensen to adjourn at 9:27 am.

Second: Brefeld

Vote: Unanimous